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SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST HELPS FOSTER A CONNECTION WITH NATURE

Shawnee NF hosts a bevy of outdoor events in April 2012.

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As warm weather rolled in and plants bloomed, the Shawnee National Forest (NF) welcomed visitors to spring with a variety of events to help connect them with nature.

Saturday, April 14th was LaRue Pine Hills Appreciation Day. Participants in the annual celebration event enjoyed guided field trips to see unique birds, wildflowers, reptiles, aquatic life, geological features, plant communities, and more in the world-renowned LaRue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area.



Birding was the featured topic on Saturday, April 21st. The Shawnee NF assisted the Middle Mississippi River Partnership in a day-long "Birding the Bottomlands Day" event. Ten locations were staffed by expert birders. Two additional sites offered birding adventures via canoe. A festival featuring conservation education activities was held in the afternoon.

The Forest was a key partner in Stewardship Week at the end of the month. The week-long experience allowed hundreds of area school children to learn about the great outdoors and what it means to be a good steward of the earth.

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